Reserves are available only in the upper coal horizons of Jharia coalfields in Bihar which have been worked for over a century and have therefore been seriously depleted. Import of coking coal required for metallurgical purposes cannot be totally eliminated, since these are also required for blending with indigenous coal on quality considerations. Coast based power stations and cement plants are also importing small quantity of non-coking coal on consideration of transport logistics and commercial prudence as well as against export entitlements.

(c) Coal companies have generally been able to achieve their target of coal production. Coal production targets are fixed in consultation with Planning Commission after carefully considering various factors like demand, available production capacity, transport constraints, investments etc.

(d) The quantities and value of imports of coking and non-coking coals etc. during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (April—September, 96) are given as below:

(Source DGFT)

Data provisional

Year	Coking Coal	Non-coking and others including coke	Total	Value
	(Fig. in Million tonnes)			(Rs. in crores)
1994-95	10.16	1.23	11.39	2224
1995-96	9.37	4.31	13.68	3093
1996-97 (Apr—Sep., 96)	NA	NA	6.01	1578

Cess collected and Transferred to sugar Development Fund

1029. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of cess that has been collected and transferred to Sugar Development Fund upto the end of June, 1996;

(b) the number of sugar factories which have been advanced loan from this fund in the State of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during the last two years; and

(c) the number of applications for loan pending at present and by when they are proposed to be given loans?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The total amount collected as cess on Sugar upto the end of June, 1996 was Rs. 1840.77 Crores and an amount of Rs. 1656.00 Crores has been transferred to SDF.

(b) As per Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(c) As on date 14 applications for modernisation loan and 34 applications for Cane Development loans are pending. The pending applications are at various stages of processing. A loan would be advanced after completion of requisite formalities in accordance with SDF Rules and Guidelines.

Statement

Number of Sugar Factories to whom Loan have been advanced from the Fund During 1994-95 and 1995-96 in the State of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

Sl. No.	State	1994-95 No. of Factories	1995-96 No. of Factories
1.	Bihar	1	3
2.	Uttar Pradesh	6	8
TOTAL		7	11

Dry Port at Kandla

1030. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a Dry Port at Kandla (Gujarat) to facilitate exports of agricultural and horticultural produce from Punjab and other North Indian States following the completion of the BG line between Bhatinda and Kandla;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme,